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## Merit Award Scholarship Promise Kept

### *Senate Gets Bill to Extend Application Deadline*

LANSING -- To keep the promise of the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship for eligible college freshmen, the Senate took up legislation to extend the deadline until November 15 this year.

“Extending the deadline should give students the additional time they will need to certify,” said Sanborn. “We couldn’t let the administration’s inability to provide them with their MEAP scores, disqualify them from receiving the tuition assistance they earned.”

Senate Bill 701 extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for this year only. The extension is necessary because of the delay in certified results from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

The Merit Award Scholarship is very important to many, many families, and the legislature worked very hard during the budget process to ensure that it would still be available this year, so we weren’t about to let technical or administrative problems, at the state level, prevent students from receiving their hard earned scholarships.